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Lake Barkley's Kuttawa Ramp Expansion Complete

Nashville, Tenn. [Mar. 17, 2005] — The Kuttawa Boat Ramp has been expanded to accommodate between 130 and 150 vehicles and to simultaneously launch four craft into the waters of Lake Barkley, thanks to the partnering efforts of three different agencies.

Representatives from those agencies will join Congressman Ed Whitfield March 21 at 10 a.m. to officially open the expanded boat ramp.

The Lyon County Joint Tourism Commission, with assistance from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, partnered with the Corps of Engineers to expand the facility so it will accommodate more boaters, according to Jan Crick.

“We were looking for ways to expand tourism in the county,” said Crick, “and more parking for many of the 2.8 million visitors who want to use the beautiful waters of Lake Barkley will certainly help in that effort.”

The Joint Tourism Commission collected the necessary expansion funds from various local sponsors. The Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources funded the Engineering and Design phase of the project and produced detailed drawings for construction.

The expansion was effected on property already owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The area would formerly accommodate only 12 vehicles and the ramp would launch

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only one boat at a time. The expanded boat launching facility will not charge a fee for boaters to launch craft, according to Resource Manager Mike Looney.

Lake Barkley hosted more than 2.8 million visitors during 2004 for a wide range of activities that included fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, and boating. Many of those visitors came to Kentucky and Tennessee from the surrounding states of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and Arkansas and pumped more than \$73.3 million into counties and communities near the lake.

For complete details about recreation opportunities at Lake Barkley, visit the Corps' website at <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/bar/rec/CampRec.htm>, or the Lyon County Tourism site at <http://www.lakebarkley.org>.

Members of the media and local residents are invited to attend the ceremony.